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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Sun News: Gov. Haley says Bikefest can continue if Grand Strand gets control of Memorial Day weekend crime

http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/09/22/4491204_nikki-haley-says-bikefest-can.html?sp=/99/134/&rh=1#storylink=cpy

Maya T. Prabhu

Gov. Nikki Haley said while she believes Atlantic Beach Bikefest must end, if the area is able to get the violence that happens in other parts of the Grand Strand under control the motorcycle rally can continue.

Note: "I have made it very clear that I want to see Bikefest come to an end," she said Monday to a room full of about 80 law enforcement officers in town for a summit to address issues surrounding the event. "I understand that it's going to take a few years.

Note: "So it really is that if you see all of these other communities working so hard to keep the area safe it would really be nice if the city of Atlantic Beach would step up and say, 'You know what? We have a role to play in all this and we should step up and do something about this.'"

WPDE: Myrtle Beach officials turn to other states for Memorial Day weekend solution

<http://www.carolinalive.com/news/story.aspx?id=1099986#.VCFPXIdV1Y>

Liz Cooper

The City of Myrtle Beach is hoping the solution to controlling crowds on Memorial Day weekend will come from other states, as nearly 100 law enforcement representatives give advice on the topic.

Note: Governor Nikki Haley was a guest speaker at Monday's special events summit. She again, called for the end of Bikefest. She says there is a fine line to policing street festivals.

Note: "That line is how do you make sure that people are protected but also protecting first amendment rights," said Governor Haley.

WMBF: Gov. Haley: Bikefest to end if not 'properly handled'

<http://www.wmbfnews.com/story/26598501/gov-haley-bikefest-to-end-if-not-properly-handled>

Conor McCue

Before a packed crowd Monday, South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley didn't pull any punches when talking about Bikefest. For months the governor has been vehemently against the Memorial Day street festival but said she is willing to try and fix the problems moving forward.

Note: "What happened last Memorial Day was not peaceful," Governor Haley said. "What we saw were three deaths, we saw other shootings and injuries, and we saw an absolute embarrassment to the state of south Carolina."

Note: "I just wish we could get more respect and involvement from the people of Atlantic Beach," Haley explained. "I've gone and talked to their council, this group has gone and talked to them, we've got nothing, we haven't even gotten a response."

Area Development: Prysmian Group Plans \$8.2 Million Expansion At Abbeville County, South Carolina, Manufacturing Center

<http://www.areadevelopment.com/newsItems/9-22-2014/prysmian-group-manufacturing-facility-expansion-abbeville-county-south-carolina589233.shtml>

Italy-based Prysmian Group, a global cable producer serving the energy and telecom industries, is expanding its manufacturing facility in Abbeville County, South Carolina. The company's \$8.2 million investment is expected to create approximately 20 new jobs once in full operation.

Note: "Prysmian is a great South Carolina company that has been part of our business community for 50 years - and we couldn't be more excited to see them continue to expand here. Their commitment to bringing value and innovation to their clients matches South Carolina's commitment to great service and support for

our businesses. Congratulations to Prysmian Group for investing \$8.2 million and creating 20 jobs in Abbeville," said Governor Nikki Haley.

S.C. Chamber of Commerce Supports Raising the Gas Tax:

Greenville News: Gas-tax hike finds support to fix roads

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2014/09/22/group-seeks-photos-bad-roads-sc/16057245/>

Tim Smith

The South Carolina Chamber of Commerce is pushing lawmakers to come up with a funding solution for the state's crumbling roads and is waving a survey of GOP voters to show a willingness to raise the state's gas tax.

Note: "There is no question that South Carolina's infrastructure needs improvement, but as Governor Haley has made clear numerous times, raising taxes, legalizing gambling or secretly increasing fees simply aren't the kinds of ideas our citizens deserve," said spokesman Doug Mayer. "Solving this issue will require making tough budget decisions and coming up with new ways to use the tax dollars we already have, and that is why the governor will continue advocating for revenue-neutral solutions that will get the job done without hurting our growing economy."

Associated Press: SC Chamber wants gas tax to bring more road money

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=NjTaVcTI

Jeffrey Collins

The South Carolina Chamber of Commerce is joining a growing number of lawmakers in both parties who say the state must figure out a way to raise more money for its roads, calling for a combination of tax increases and other sources of revenue.

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The State: SC lawmakers eye gas-tax hike

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/22/3698746/sc-lawmakers-eye-gas-tax-hike.html>

Andrew Shain

A bipartisan group of S.C. lawmakers told business leaders Monday they are ready to raise the state's gas tax — one of the lowest in the nation — to repair roads and bridges. But, they added, they need the support of Republican Gov. Nikki Haley. Haley, who is seeking re-election, has said she would veto increasing South Carolina's 16-cent-a gallon gas tax, which has not been increased in 27 years.

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Post and Courier: Cobb-Hunter: Hold lawmakers accountable on road funding, as they face re-election

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140922/PC1603/140929791>

Cynthia Roldan

The president of the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce believes it's time for South Carolina to raise its gas tax, but the state's gubernatorial hopefuls in both major parties have not gotten on board.

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2014 Campaign Cycle News:

Post and Courier: Vincent Sheheen continues barbs at Gov. Haley over education

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140922/PC1603/140929802>

Schuyler Kropf

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Vincent Sheheen stopped in Charleston on Monday to pledge his

commitment to education, saying Republican Gov. Nikki Haley has not done enough in her four years to lift the state up.

Note: Haley's campaign responded with a statement accusing Sheheen of being deceptive in his ads and misrepresenting her support for 4-year-old kindergarten. "The people of South Carolina weren't fooled by Vince Sheheen's constant negative attacks and deceptive ads four years ago and they won't be fooled this year," said campaign spokeswoman Chaney Adams.

WBTW: Fact Check: Sheheen ad "Futures"

<http://www.wbtw.com/story/26599718/fact-check-sheheen-ad-futures>

Robert Kittle

Democratic candidate for SC governor Vincent Sheheen has started a new TV ad focused on education, and attacking Gov. Nikki Haley's record. In the ad, he says, "Nikki Haley cut millions from our schools and vetoed both teacher pay raises and 4-year-old kindergarten, while giving her own staff 25 percent raises."

The State: Congressman Wilson goes behind the counter

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/23/3698933/congressman-wilson-goes-behind.html?sp=99/132/312/169/1084/>

Jamie Self

Wilson will spend two hours helping out behind the counter where he will "interact with members of the local community and have conversations with community members about issues important to them," according to a news release about the event.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Aiken Standard: Perfecting teacher evaluations requires deliberative approach

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20140923/AIK02/140929830/1018/AIK02>

Editorial

As South Carolina lawmakers tackle ways to dismiss teachers more easily, it's imperative they ensure the process is efficient, but also fair. A Senate panel has been discussing the issue over the past few months – the last meeting was held in early September – after the issue has come more to the policy forefront and several bills aimed at making it easier to fire teachers failed this past legislative session.

Post and Courier: Welcome to the public's beach

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140923/PC1002/140929798>

Editorial

A lovely part of living in or visiting the Lowcountry is taking a dip at the area's sunny, sandy beaches. But the Isle of Palms might make it more difficult to do just that. Apparently some residents and city officials have begun to think of the beach as their own, and the public right of ways as things the public uses way too much.

Post and Courier: Scots stay where they belong

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140923/PC1002/140929799>

Editorial

The British government, heaved a huge sigh of relief last week when Scottish voters showed up in record numbers - an 85 percent turnout - to reject independence the United Kingdom. By a decisive 55 to 45 percent margin, they voted "No" on Thursday against a well-funded effort for Scotland to go its own way after 307 years as part of Great Britain.

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: Boeing to announce new research and technology center in North Charleston

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140923/PC05/140929796/1177/boeing-to-announce-new-research-and-technology-center-in-north-charleston>

Warren L. Wise

Boeing Co. continues to put its stamp on the Lowcountry. The Chicago-based airplane manufacturer is expected to announce Tuesday it has leased a 104,000-square-foot building at Crosspoint in Palmetto Commerce Park in North Charleston as office and laboratory space for its new research center, according to sources familiar with the project.

The State: Increased gun sales create good problem for wildlife agency

http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/22/3698645_increased-gun-sales-create-good.html?rh=1

Joey Holleman

A bump in gun sales partly based on the fear that restrictions could be placed on firearm ownership translated into a \$3.4 million jump in federal excise taxes flowing into the S.C. Department of Natural Resources' coffers in 2014. The so-called Obama bump is great news for the agency's wildlife management projects, but it does create some challenges.

Associated Press: Advanced Placement history outline focus of debate

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=hP1X9ka7

Seanna Adcox

Conservative activists say a new outline for the Advanced Placement U.S. history course shows an anti-American bias by either downplaying or omitting the country's most heroic figures and military victories. But the executive who leads the College Board's Advanced Placement program said critics misinterpret the framework's purpose.

The State: Bias? Or depth? SC education panel hears debate over history course

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/22/3698732/bias-or-depth-sc-education-panel.html>

Jamie Self

The authors of the new Advanced Placement U.S. history course want students to dive deeper into U.S. history – analyzing documents and understanding diverse perspectives, a representative said Monday, defending the course before state education leaders.

Post and Courier: Palmetto Sunrise: How do women in the workforce do in SC?

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140923/PC1603/140929783/1177/palmetto-sunrise-how-do-women-in-the-workforce-do-in-sc>

Jeremy Borden

How do South Carolina's women fare as part of the workforce? Not so well, given a recent look at the issue, the Post and Courier's Cynthia Roldan [reports](#). The Institute for Women's Policy Research gave South Carolina a D+ when it comes to women's earnings, their wage ratio compared to men's, their labor force participation, and the percentage of women in managerial and professional occupation.

GSA Business: Ex-Im Bank president, Sen. Graham visit Greenville

<http://gsabusiness.com/news/52523-ex-im-bank-president-sen-graham-visit-greenville>

Ashley Boncimino

U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham, Greenville Mayor Knox White and Export-Import Bank Chairman and President Fred Hochberg met at the Clemson University International Center for Automotive Research on Friday to voice support for the reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank, which provides financing and other support for U.S. companies to export goods.

Local News:

Sun News: Nice weather, low rates lure more fall visitors to Myrtle Beach

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/09/22/6347039/nice-weather-low-rates-lure-more.html>

Dawn Bryant

Fall typically conjures up images of falling leaves and pumpkin goodies, but a growing number of travelers are thinking about something that might seem unseasonal: a trip to the beach. The fall tourism season has gotten off to a better than expected start along the Grand Strand, and some hotels say their bookings look strong for this time of year headed into October and for some, even November.

Post and Courier: Berkeley County seeks DHEC's help for action against GenEarth

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140922/PC16/140929785>

Lindsay Street

Berkeley County has promised to supersede state action if the state's environmental agency does not stop the smell coming from the GenEarth bioenergy plant. It's the first action Berkeley County Council has authorized against GenEarth since inviting public discussion four months ago.

Post and Courier: Passenger rail, more bus stops top commuter needs, transit advocates say

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140922/PC16/140929818>

Prentiss Findlay

Commuter rail between Charleston and Summerville is the most pressing transportation need for the tri-county area, according to the Hungryneck Straphangers. The rail service could be operating within five years if funds were transferred from planned interstate improvements, said William Hamilton, a local attorney who leads the public transit advocacy group.

Rock Hill Herald: More road work, new homes planned for Arcade Mill area of Rock Hill

http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/09/22/6349296_more-road-work-new-homes-planned.html?rh=1#storylink=cpy

Anna Douglas

More neighborhood improvements are planned for the Arcade Mill area of Rock Hill, where city officials hope to build on \$6.5 million worth of recent infrastructure upgrades. A road repaving project on Hagins Street in the Hagins-Fewell neighborhood finished last week.

Rock Hill Herald: Rock Hill school board sends amended tax proposal to city

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/09/22/6349325/rock-hill-school-board-sends-amended.html>

Rachel Southmayd

The Rock Hill school board voted Monday night to send city officials a list of proposals concerning the city's request to extend a special downtown tax district – a key part of the city's Knowledge Park project. City officials want to expand the size and length of the tax district – which extends from downtown Rock Hill to Winthrop University – for 10 years after it expires in 2029.

National News:

Associated Press: Joint Chiefs Chair: 'No safe haven' for militants

http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_UNITED_STATES_ISLAMIC_STATE_SYRIA?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2014-09-23-03-51-57

Lolita C. Baldor, Robert Burns

Combined U.S.-Arab airstrikes at the heart of the Islamic State group's military strongholds in Syria achieved their strategic aim of showing the extremists that their savage attacks will not go unanswered, the top American military officer said Tuesday.

New York Times: HealthCare.gov Is Given an Overhaul

http://www.nytimes.com/2014/09/23/us/healthcaregov-website-is-given-overhaul.html?_r=1&assetType=nyt_now

Robert Pear

The Obama administration is redesigning HealthCare.gov and says that 70 percent of consumers will be able to use a shorter, simpler online application form to buy health insurance when the second annual open enrollment period begins in mid-November.

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